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(C) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary-General Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi told the Ambassador on December 12 that Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi will attend the December 17 donors conference in Paris to support Palestinian reform and capacity building. Sayyid Badr further stated that although the Omani government had not yet made a firm decision on the amount of its contribution, it was considering a pledge of roughly USD 30 million, to be paid out over the course of several years, that would be earmarked "specifically for education." (Note: Sayyid Badr asked the Ambassador to keep this amount in confidence as he had not shared it in response to an inquiry from the French ambassador. End Note.) The Secretary-General added that he was not aware of the donation plans of other GCC countries.

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